

Idaho FFA Association Constitution And By-laws

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IDAHO FFA ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME AND PURPOSE

Section A The name of this organization shall be the Idaho FFA Association. The letters "FFA" may be used to designate the organization, its units, or members thereof.

<u>Section B</u> The purposes for which this association is formed are as follows:

- 1. To be an integral part of the organized instructional programs in agricultural science and technology/agribusiness which includes preparation for occupations in production agriculture; agricultural supplies and services; agricultural mechanization; agricultural products, processing and marketing; horticulture; renewable natural resources, forestry and others; representing those programs that qualify for assistance under federal and state vocational occupational education legislation.
- To build the confidence of students in themselves and their work by developing desirable work habits and the effective use of their time by learning to assume responsibilities and by developing personal and occupational competencies in communications, human relations, and social abilities leading to intelligent choices of careers, and successful employment, including entrepreneurship in agriculture.
- To foster programs and activities which will develop occupational pride and responsibility, leadership, character, scholarship, citizenship, patriotism, thrift, and the improvement in community life by encouraging members to improve the home and its surroundings and to develop and improve the community, including its economic, environmental and human resources.
- 4. To recognize achievement in supervised agricultural experience programs, scholarship, leadership and other individual and group achievements by providing awards to deserving members.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section A

The Idaho FFA Association is a state organization of affiliated district associations, which are in turn composed of local chapters in schools offering organized instruction in agricultural science and technology under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. More than one chapter may be chartered in a school when authorized by the State Executive committee.

Section B

Active chapters of the FFA for students enrolled in schools of less than college grades shall be chartered only in such schools where recognized systematic instruction in agricultural science and technology in the all-day or day-unit type is offered under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Section C

Delegates from local chapters shall meet in district conventions, organize, and adopt a district constitution and bylaws not in conflict with the state and national constitutions, elect officers, set up a program of activities, and apply to the state advisor for membership in the Idaho FFA Association. Upon receipt of a charter from the state association, its chapters and the members thereof, will be recognized as members of the FFA.

Section D

1. The district associations of the FFA in Idaho shall be known as:

Boise Valley District
East Magic Valley District
North Magic Valley District
Northern Idaho District
North Upper Snake River Valley District
South Upper Snake River Valley District
Southeastern Idaho District
South Magic Valley District
Western Idaho District

2. New chapters seeking membership in the Idaho FFA Association will be assigned to one of the nine district associations by the state executive committee. Assignment will be made primarily on a geographic basis.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section A Membership in this organization shall be of four kinds:

(1) Active, (2) Alumni, (3) Honorary, (4) Collegiate.

Section B Active Membership

Any student who is regularly enrolled in an all-day or day-unit class in agricultural science and technology is entitled to become an active member of any chartered FFA chapter. To retain membership during high school, the member must be enrolled in at least one agricultural science and technology course during the school year and/or follow a planned course of study for an agricultural occupation which includes a supervised agricultural experience program, the objective of which is establishment in an agricultural occupation. Members may retain active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school.

A member who is in good standing at the time of induction into the armed forces of the United States of America shall be in good standing during the period of active service without further payment of dues or attendance at meetings. Time spent in the armed forces shall not be considered as elapsed time in determining the maximum period of four conventions following graduation from high school or leaving high school. Members making use of this waiver of service time for the purpose of maintaining active membership for application for advanced degrees, must resume active participation within six months after having been honorably discharged from service, indicating such a desire by payment of dues and attendance at meetings. Members participating in the six-months armed service program shall be eligible for one full year of extended membership. No individual, however, may retain active membership beyond their 23rd birthday.

Section C Alumni Membership

Membership shall be open to former active FFA members, Collegiate or honorary FFA and NFA members, present and former professional agricultural science and technology educators, parents of FFA members, and others interested in and supporting the FFA.

Section D

Collegiate membership may include students enrolled in agricultural courses and former active members of chartered local chapters who are enrolled in a two or four year institution having a collegiate chapter.

Section E Honorary Membership

Farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of boards of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, businessmen, and others who are helping to advance agricultural science and technology and the FFA, and who have rendered outstanding service may be elected to honorary membership by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. Honorary membership shall be limited to the honorary chapter FFA degree in local chapter and the honorary state FFA degree in the state association.

ARTICLE IV. EMBLEM

Section A

The emblem of the FFA shall be made up of five symbols, namely: (1) the plow, representing the tillage of the soil, the basis of modern agriculture; (2) the owl, representing wisdom; (3) the rising sun, representing progress; (4) a cross section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests, since corn is native to America and is grown in every state; and (5) an American eagle surmounting the cross section of the ear of corn, indicating the national scope of the organization. The emblem shall also carry the three letters "FFA" and the words "Agricultural Education."

Section B All members shall be entitled to wear the emblem.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP GRADES AND PRIVILEGES

Section A There shall be four grades or degrees of membership based upon

achievement. These grades are (1) Greenhand; (2) Chapter FFA Degree; (3) State FFA Degree; and (4) American FFA Degree. All Greenhands are entitled to wear the bronze emblem pin. All Chapter FFA Degrees are entitled to wear the silver emblem pin. All State FFA Degrees are entitled to wear the gold emblem charm. All American FFA Degrees are entitled to wear the gold emblem key.

Section B Greenhand Degree

On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Greenhand Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

- 1. Be regularly enrolled in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation and have satisfactory plans for a supervised agricultural experience program.
- 2. Learn and explain the FFA creed, Motto and Salute.
- 3. Describe the FFA emblem, colors, and symbols.
- 4. Explain the proper use of the FFA jacket.
- 5. Have satisfactory knowledge of the history of the organization.
- 6. Know the duties and responsibilities of FFA members.
- 7. Personally own or have access to Official FFA Manual.
- 8. Submit written application for the Degree for chapter records.

Section C Chapter FFA Degree

On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the Chapter FFA Degree may be conferred by the chapter:

- 1. Must have received the Greenhand Degree.
- Must have satisfactorily completed at least one year of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth (9th) grade level, at least \$150 earned and invested or at least 45 hours in excess of scheduled class time, and plans for continued growth in Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
- 3. Have satisfactory knowledge of the local constitution and of the local program of activities.
- 4. Satisfactorily participated in at least three official functions in the chapter program of activities.
- 5. Have earned and productively invested at least \$150 by the member's own effort or worked 45 hours (other than scheduled class time) in a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program.
- 6. Demonstrate ability to effectively lead a group discussion for 15 minutes.
- 7. Demonstrate five parliamentary procedure abilities.
- 8. Demonstrate progress toward achievement of an Agricultural Proficiency Award on the local level.
- 9. Have a satisfactory scholastic record in an agricultural course.
- 10. Submit application for the Degree for chapter records.
- 11. Meet other requirements as established by the chapter or State Association.

Section D State FFA Degree

On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the State FFA Degree may be conferred by the State Association.

- 1. Have received the Chapter FFA Degree and have been an active member for at least two years (24 months).
- 2. While in high school, must have completed at least the second year of instruction in a vocational education course for an agricultural occupation; if out of high school, must have completed the equivalent of two full years of systematic secondary school instruction (360 hours) in addition to a supervised farming and/or other agricultural experience program.
- 3. Have earned and productively invested at least \$1000 net income by their own efforts from their supervised agricultural experience program, or have worked (other than class scheduled time) at least 300 hours in a supervised agricultural experience, or combination thereof.
- 4. Demonstrate leadership ability by:
 - a. Performing ten parliamentary procedure activities.
 - b. Present a five-minute speech.
 - c. Serving as an officer and/or committee chairman, or a participating member of a major committee.
- Has demonstrated competency in an agricultural occupation and has a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the agricultural science and technology instructor and principal or superintendent.
- 6. Participate in the planning and completion of chapter Program of Activities.
- 7. Participate in five FFA activities above the chapter level.

- 8. Other requirements established by the State Association are:
 - a. A score of 60 percent or greater on a state FFA knowledge test.
 - b. A score of 60 percent or greater on a state parliamentary procedure test.

The Idaho Association shall be entitled to elect those qualified. Written records of achievement verified by the local advisor shall be submitted to district advisor on or before the date set by the district advisor. The district advisor in conjunction with the district president shall appoint a district selection committee to review the records, prepare briefs of the activities of the successful candidates, and submit recommendations to the state selection committee.

The state selection committee shall be appointed by the state advisor and shall submit recommendations of worthy candidates to the delegates at the next annual leadership conference. The delegates shall elect the candidates found most worthy to the State FFA Degree.

Section E American FFA Degree

On meeting the following minimum qualifications, the American FFA Degree may be conferred by the National Organization:

- Must have the State FFA Degree and have been an active member continuously for at least the immediate past 36 months, and have a record of satisfactory participation in the activities of the local chapter and state association.
- Must have satisfactorily completed the equivalent of at least three years of systematic secondary school instruction in a vocational education program for an agricultural occupation (540 hours),

- 3. Must have earned and productively invested at least \$7,500 or have earned and productively invested at least \$1,500 and worked 2,2250 hours in excess of scheduled class time. Any combination of hours times \$3.33 plus dollars must be equal to or greater than the number 9,000. Hours used for the purpose of producing earnings reported as productively invested income shall not be duplicated as hours of credit to meet the minimum requirements for the degree.
- 4. Show outstanding ability evidenced by leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities and have a satisfactory scholarship record certified by the local school superintendent or principal.
- 5. Be recommended by the National Board of Directors and receive a majority vote of the delegates present at a national convention of FFA.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section A

The constitutional officers of the State Association shall consist of a president, ten vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and sentinel. The state supervisor of agricultural science and technology shall assume the responsibility of state advisor. All other state officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regular state convention of FFA with the exception that only one of the ten vice presidents shall be elected at the convention. This vice president will be ineligible to hold district office in the ensuing year. The other nine vice presidents shall be the presidents of the nine district associations. Duly elected officers of the state association may attend school outside the State of Idaho, provided such attendance does not interfere with the discharge of their duties as state officers.

The Idaho Association shall have an FFA member Parliamentarian. This Parliamentarian is to be selected by a written test given on the morning of the first day of the State Leadership Conference. The term of the Parliamentarian shall be the three days of the Conference. Each chapter shall be eligible to submit one member to take the test.

Section B The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Sentinel of the Idaho FFA Association shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The constitutional state officers described in Section A shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Idaho FFA Association.

Section C

The officers of the district associations shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, and advisor. These district officers, with the exception of the district advisor, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the delegates present at a regularly called meeting of the district association of FFA. The office of advisor the district association shall be appointed by the state advisor or selected by a method devised by the state advisor.

Section D

Chapter officers shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, sentinel, and advisor. The local teacher of agricultural science and technology shall assume the responsibilities of local advisor. Officers other than the advisor shall be elected annually at a regular meeting of the local chapter of FFA.

Section E

Alumni and honorary members shall not vote nor shall they hold any office except that of advisor of the local chapter, district association, or state association.

Section F

Only members who have been elected to the State FFA Degree are eligible to hold state office. Officers in the district associations may hold the Chapter FFA Degree with the exception of the district president who must hold a State FFA Degree, because he/she is automatically an ex-officio vice president of the state association and a member of the Board of Directors. If a suitable State FFA Degree holder is not available for the district presidency then a suitable Chapter FFA Degree holder may be elected even though the district association will lose its vote on the Board of Directors. Officers in local chapters must hold the Chapter FFA Degree after the chapter has been established in a given school for one year or longer.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

Section A The annual meeting of the state association shall be held at least 45 days prior to the meeting of the National Convention of FFA, at a time and place to be determined by the State Executive Committee.

Section B

The annual meeting of each district association shall be held at least 15 days prior to the annual meeting of the state association of FFA. This annual meeting and other desired meetings of the district association shall be called by the district president at a time and place selected by the officers of the district association acting as an executive committee.

Section C Local chapters shall hold their meetings monthly or more often throughout the calendar year and at such time and place as may be decided upon by the officers of the local chapter and/or the executive committee.

Section D The State FFA Association shall be entitled to two delegates to the National Convention plus additional delegates as determined by the national delegate formula.

<u>Section E</u> Each chapter shall be entitled to two delegates to the annual state meeting, providing their national and state dues are paid.

Section F Each district association shall decide on the number of delegates each local chapter shall be entitled to send to district meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. DUES

Section A Annual membership dues in the national organization shall be fixed by the National Board of Directors on the basis of a budget submitted to and approved by delegates present at the national

convention of FFA.

Section B Annual membership dues in the state association shall be fixed by

the State Executive Committee, subject to approval by a majority vote of the delegates present at the state association meeting of

the FFA.

Section C The dues of any district shall be fixed by a majority vote of the

delegates present at a district meeting.

Section D The dues of any chapter shall be fixed by a majority vote of the

membership of that chapter.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section A Amendments to the state constitution and bylaws may be

submitted in writing by any district association at any annual meeting of the state association. Amendments may also be submitted to the delegates of the convention by the executive committee, the Board of Directors, or a committee appointed by the State President with the approval of the State Executive Committee. The amendment presented may be amended by a majority vote of the delegates present. However, the resultant constitutional amendment must receive a two-thirds

majority vote of the delegates present for final adoption.

Section B Bylaws may be adopted to fit the needs of the state association and the district associations, providing they are not in conflict with

the state, district associations, providing they are not in conflict with the state, district, or national constitutions. The national or state constitution or any part of them may be used as part of the

constitution of district associations and local chapters.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section A

The President: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings of the state association of FFA and over all meetings of the executive committee and board of directors of the state association. The president shall call one meeting of the state association each year on such date and at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote of the state executive committee. The president shall call special meetings of the state association or of the executive committee of the state association when there is a demonstrated need for such meetings. The president shall appoint all committees except as otherwise herein noted, and may serve as ex-officio member of these committees.

Section B

<u>Vice President</u>: It shall be the duty of the vice president elected at the state convention to represent the active members enrolled in all day agricultural science and technology classes, to look after the special welfare of those active members through cooperation with members. It shall be the duty of the other nine vice presidents to look after the welfare of the FFA organization in the nine administrative districts of the state. In case a state office becomes vacant by resignation or other circumstances, the state executive committee shall, in conjunction with the state advisor, appoint one of the nine vice presidents (district presidents) to fill the vacancy.

Section C

The Secretary: The secretary shall perform the duties common to such an office, such as keeping accurate records of the meetings of the state association and of the meetings of the state executive committee and board of directors. The secretary shall perform such other duties as directed by the state advisor or the state executive committee and board of directors.

Section D

<u>The Treasurer</u>: The treasurer shall supervise the collection and disbursement of all FFA funds collected from local chapters and shall be assisted by the state advisor. The treasurer of each local chapter shall assist in this work by making collections from active members in the chapter and submitting payments and reports to the state treasurer with the signed confirmation of the local advisor as to the number of students and amounts paid. All checks shall be made payable to the Idaho FFA Association.

Section E

<u>The Reporter</u>: The reporter shall assist chapter and districtreporters in helping publicize the FFA. The reporter shall write articles for the state publication and be responsible for the reporters scrapbook contest.

Section F

<u>The Sentinel</u>: The sentinel shall be responsible for the meeting room, officer equipment and paraphernalia. The sentinel shall watch over the door to welcome friends and guests of the FFA. The sentinel will assist the president in maintaining order.

Section G

<u>The Advisor</u>: The advisor is an ex-officio member of all committees. It is the advisor's duty to advise the state executive committee, the board of directors, and the other appointed committees on matters of policy and assist the state officers in conducting meetings and carrying out programs of activities. The advisor shall review all applications for the State FFA and American FFA Degrees.

The State Advisor shall act as an agent of the executivecommittee and board of directors. The state advisor shall issue charters to chapters when requested by the committee. The state advisor shall receive all reports from the association, review them, and inform the executive committee and board of directors of any procedure which appears to be in conflict with the provisions of the State constitution. The state advisor shall submit a budget of proposed expenditures to the executive committee and board of directors annually. The state advisor shall be in charge of arrangements for the annual state leadership conference and may perform such other duties as directed by the executive committee.

ARTICLE II. COMMITTEES

Section A

The president of the State FFA Association in conjunction with the state advisor shall appoint three committees annually; the nominating committee, the audit and budget committee, and the program of activities and resolutions committee. Other committees may be appointed at the discretion of the state executive committee and board of directors.

- 1. The nominating committee shall review applications and qualifications of members applying for state office and recommend a state officer slate to the voting delegation at the annual leadership conference.
- The audit and budget committee shall audit the reports of the state treasurer and the financial report of the state advisor. Further, the committee shall prepare and present to the delegate assembly, an estimate of receipts and expenses for the next fiscal year.
- The committee on program of activities and resolutions shall set up the annual program of activities of the state association and suggest ways and means by which it may be effectively carried out.

ARTICLE III. THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section A

There shall be named a state advisory council for the FFA composed of the nine district advisors, the state supervisors and teacher educators in agricultural education.

Section B

This advisory council shall cooperate with and actively serve the state advisor of the FFA on the administrative direction and supervision of the state association. The state advisor shall act as chairperson of the state advisory council.

Section C The state advisory council shall possess the power of approval for all actions of the state executive committee and the state delegate assembly. The delegate assembly, by a 2/3 majority vote shall have plower to override action by the state executive committee and/or advisory council.

ARTICLE IV. REPORTS TO THE STATE SECRETARY AND ADVISOR

<u>Section A</u> Each district secretary shall submit the following information to the state secretary and state advisor.

- 1. A list of newly elected district officers immediately following each annual election.
- 2. A report of any suggested changes in or amendments to the district or state constitution and bylaws immediately following each meeting of the district association.
- 3. An annual district association report on forms furnished by the state advisor giving a summary of such data on status, activity, and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the state executive committee.

ARTICLE V. REPORTS TO THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

<u>Section A</u> Each state association shall submit the following information to the national executive secretary.

- 1. A list of the newly elected association officers immediately following each State Leadership Conference.
- 2. A report of any changes in or amendments to the association and bylaws immediately following each association conference.
- 3. A list of official delegates prior to the national convention as called for by the national executive secretary.

4. An annual association report on forms furnished by the national executive secretary, giving such data on status, activities and progress as may be deemed advisable and called for by the National Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI. PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING STANDING OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND MEMBERS OF LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section A

A district association shall be considered in good standing in the state association and with the national organization of FFA when the following conditions are met:

- All current annual state and national dues are paid by each chapter by the date specified by the State Executive Committee and the National Board of Directors.
- 2. All reports submitted to the state advisor, state secretary, and state treasurer are completed.
- 3. District constitution is not in conflict with the state and national constitutions.
- 4. District association and all its local chapters abide by all the provisions of the district, state and national constitutions and bylaws.
- 5. The state association, through the state advisor, must declare a chapter not in good standing and not a member of the district association when current annual state and national dues have not been paid by the chapter by the date specified by the state executive committee or board of directors and the National Board of Directors. The state advisor shall notify the district advisor of the chapters not in good standing. Reinstatement shall be subject to provisions of the district constitution and payment of state and national dues as prescribed. The state advisor shall notify the district advisor upon receipt of dues from the chapters.

- 6. A district association may declare a chapter not in good standing and not a member of the state association when they have not paid district dues as set and by date specified by the district constitution. Such chapters shall be declared not in good standing by a majority vote of the delegates at a regular district meeting. The district advisor shall then notify the state advisor of such action. Reinstatement shall be by payment of the district dues and a majority vote of the delegates present at a district FFA meeting.
- Section B Members shall be considered active when they attend local chapter meetings with reasonable regularity, show an interest in and take part in the activities of the chapter and pay dues.
- Section C State dues for each year shall be set at the State Leadership Conference. Chapter dues mailed to the state association shall include both state and national dues.
- Section D All former members of a local chapter whose state and national dues were not paid for the previous fiscal year must be reinstated to membership before they can qualify as active members.
- Section E Students must pay dues for the fiscal year on or before November 1, or they automatically lose their membership and must be reinstated in order to remain an active member of a local chapter.
- Section F

 Treasurers of local chapters will send to the state advisor before
 November 1, a preliminary report of paid active membership with
 a check covering the total amount of state and national dues
 collected. This report will show membership by classes. The last
 date to pay dues will be April 1, to be in good standing in the
 Idaho Association.
- Section G

 The treasurer of each local chapter shall collect dues from students elected to the degree of Greenhand before they are initiated, but shall not consider them as members until they have been initiated,. Collected dues from such students may be returned to the student if the local chapter so desires.

Section H

It shall be the duty of each district president to report the standing of his/her district association to the board of directors. This shall be done each year previous to the annual meeting of the state association. If any local chapter is not in good standing for a period of twelve months, delegates in the annual meeting of the state association shall have the power, upon recommendation of the board of directors, to withdraw or suspend the charter of the local chapter and refuse official representation at the annual meeting of the state association. When and if such action is taken, the chapter in question shall be denied the regular privileges enjoyed by official chapters. By meeting the requirements for good standing, a chapter may be reinstated at any time by action of the board of directors.

Section I

In case a local department of agricultural science and technology in which a charted chapter of FFA is located is discontinued, the chapter may be permitted to operate officially for a period not to exceed 36 months from the date of the discontinuance, providing supervision and guidance can be given to the chapter work by a member of the school faculty having the approval of the state advisor. Local chapter charters must be surrendered to the state advisor at the end of the 36 months period if agricultural science and technology is not in operation again at that time.

ARTICLE VII. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTING STATE OFFICERS

Section A

A nominating committee shall consist of two members from each of the nine district associations with a designated chairman appointed by the executive committee. This committee shall study and review the qualifications of all active members applying for state office. This committee shall report during the annual meeting of the state association. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. The election shall be by standing vote and a majority vote of the delegates present is required for election.

Section B

State officers will be elected to serve from one leadership conference through the next leadership conference. they cannot be reelected. If, in case of extreme emergency, a state conference is not held, the student officers already serving shall continue to hold office through the next state conference. The state executive committee has the power to appoint temporary state officers to fill any offices declared vacant between state conventions, with the approval of the State Advisory Council.

ARTICLE VIII. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE STATE FFA DEGREE

- Section A District associations may submit to the state FFA association all qualified candidates for the State FFA Degree.
- Section B the state association may elect from this group all candidates for the State FFA Degree who meet the minimum qualifications for the degree.
- <u>Section C</u> The election to the State FFA Degree shall be from candidates submitted and selected by district associations.

Section D

Neatly compiled applications must be submitted by each candidate with approval of his local chapter to the district selection committee on or before the date set by the district advisor. The district advisor shall set this date so the application may be reviewed, approved, and forwarded to reach the state advisor not less than 30 days prior to the state convention. Material sent in after this date shall not be considered. The application must be on regulation forms prepared and distributed by the state advisor. The application submitted to the district selection committee must be accompanied by complete and accurate records of the supervised farming programs and/or other supervised agricultural experience program of the candidates. The material shall be considered complete and final as submitted.

Section E

The credentials of each applicant shall be considered by a selection committee appointed by the district advisor. This committee shall review all of the qualifications of each candidate. This committee shall recommend to the district association those candidates for the State FFA Degree who meet all of the requirements for election. The district association shall in turn submit to the state executive committee those candidate's names and materials who have been selected by a majority vote of the district selection committee.

Section F

The credentials of each applicant submitted by the district association to the state association will be considered by a state selection committee appointed by the state advisor.

ARTICLE IX. PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING CANDIDATES FOR THE AMERICAN FFA DEGREE

Section A

A neatly compiled application must be submitted for each candidate by the local chapter to the state advisor by April 15. All material shall be considered complete and final as submitted.

Section B

the credentials of each applicant shall be considered by a selection committee appointed by the state advisor. The number then selected by majority vote of the selection committee shall not exceed the quota to which the state association is entitled. Alternates may be selected at the discretion of the selection committee.

Section C

Neatly compiled applications conforming to regulation guide forms prepared and distributed by the national executive secretary must be submitted and may be accompanied by complete, accurate records of the supervised farming program and/or other supervised agricultural experience program conducted by each candidate.

Section D Applications and credentials for those candidates selected by the state association which are to be submitted to the national organization shall be forwarded by the state advisor to the national executive secretary so it will arrive in Washington before June 30.

ARTICLE X. COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS

- Section A Collegiate chapter may be established in two or four year institutions where agriculture courses are taught. Membership shall be opened to students enrolled in agricultural courses, or who are pursuing career objectives in the industry of agriculture.
- Section B A collegiate chapter shall be chartered by and maintained under the authority of the state association of FFA.
- Section C All activities of a collegiate chapter of FFA shall be in harmony with the purposes, principles and ideals of the FFA organization.
- Section D Activities for FFA collegiate chapter members shall be based upon the needs and interests of its members.

ARTICLE XI. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING CHARTERS TO LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section A Chapters shall apply through the state advisor for affiliation with the FFA organization. Such applications shall be signed by the president, secretary, and advisor. The following material shall accompany the application for a chapter charter:

- 1. A copy of the proposed constitution and bylaws.
- 2. A copy of the annual program of activities.
- 3. A complete list of charter members.
- 4. A list of chapter officers including name, year in school, year in agricultural science and technology, and address of each.
- Section B A charter shall be granted to a chapter by the state advisor upon such application, provided that the proposed constitution is not in conflict with the national, state, or district constitutions. Such charters shall be signed by the state president and the state advisor.
- Section C The delegates at any annual state association meeting shall have the power to suspend any chapter charter upon receipt of evidence of infringement of provisions of district, state, or national constitutions.

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